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The 14th annual Business and Community Achievement Awards were held at the Bonnie View Inn on Nov. 19, hosted by the Haliburton County Chamber of Commerce. Robin Carmount was awarded Highlander of the Year. For full listing of awards and winners, see page four. /Photo submitted by Tim Tofflemire

Highlander of the Year awarded to advocate for youth

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

Robin Carmount has officially been named the Highlander of the Year at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala, held this past Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Bonnie View Inn. "It feels amazing to receive this honour," said Carmount, "especially when you look at the others nominated in this category as well."

The award for Highlander of the Year highlights a local citizen for their contribution and leadership to the community as a whole. They must demonstrate their

dedication to the betterment of Haliburton County through their actions, words, and visions.

"Robin deserves to be nominated because he believes in the future of our youth and has dedicated himself to changing lives," read his nomination form.

Carmount is a local police officer with the Haliburton OPP detachment, and is passionate about providing a safe and accessible space for the youth of the county to play, learn, and grow. He developed a series of after-school programs in Minden and Wilberforce, and for the cost of \$1, everyone is welcome to participate. At the end of the season, the

participants decide how they will pay it forward, and will collectively decide on which local charity to donate to. "The program is highly successful, well-attended, and continues to run in both Minden and Wilberforce," read his nomination form.

In 2019, Carmount developed the Haliburton County Youth Sailing Association, which teaches sailing for kids aged eight to 24, and allows opportunities to not only explore the sport of sailing, but discuss teamwork, community support, and advocacy for mental health in youth.

Carmount's nomination form sang his praises for the dedication and commitment he has to the community. "Robin

is a quiet, get-it-done person who asks for nothing in return for the work he's doing; and who spends his personal time not only overseeing and organizing the programs but participating in them himself."

After winning the award, Carmount stated that he believes there is more to do for the youth of Haliburton County. "There's always more work to be done for the young people in our community," he said. "We need more things for kids to do." For a full list of winners from the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala, see inside this edition.

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New Dysart council begins what's believed to be an arduous term

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dysart et al residents' municipal government is off and running.

And, aside from the oaths of office sworn and the obligatory prayer during the inaugural meeting Nov. 15, it was agreed that the next four years will be fraught with tough decisions to address the many issues facing the township.

"I don't need to tell you there's going to be some challenges in the next four years," said Pastor Bev Hicks of Northland Faith Church.

Mayor Murray Fearrey concurred.

He said council isn't going to be right all the time, but the township needs to move ahead, and there needs to be a plan to maintain a forward momentum.

"I'm confident that we've got the people here to move us forward," Fearrey said. "I know we do. We just have to take our time and make decisions that are good for all of us."

Hicks told a parable about a donkey, a beast of burden. A grandfather and his grandson were travelling. They traded turns being carried by the donkey. By the time they arrived where they were going, the grandfather and his grandson were carrying the donkey.

As would happen, the man and the lad were mocked by those who saw them lugging the donkey.

The question becomes who is the real donkey: The grandson, the grandfather, the donkey itself, or the people who criticized the grandfather and grandson for carrying the donkey at the end of their trip into town?



I suppose, after looking into one's self, the answer informed by your interpretation of the parable goes toward defining

you in some way.

"I think we've all lived long enough to know it's impossible to please everybody, to make everybody happy," Hicks said. "You can't do that. And you can't walk the middle of the road."

"I find that when I walk the middle of the road, I find yellow lines and road kill. It pretty much makes sense of what we try to do to please everybody."

The pastor said one of the things he's known Fearrey to be fond of saying over the years is, If everybody's happy, you must be doing something wrong.

And that goes toward one of life's simple truths that may be difficult to accept.

"Criticism is a part of life," Hicks said. "It's how we handle the criticism that's important for our integrity. Remember that not all criticism is bad. Some is good

The new Municipality of Dysart et al council was inaugurated on Tuesday, Nov. 15 and are ready to serve the community. Back row from left, Ward 3 Councillor Tammy Donaldson, Ward 5 Councillor Barry Boice, Ward 1 Councillor Pat Casey, Ward 4 Councillor Carm Sawyer, Ward 2 Councillor Nancy Wood-Roberts, front row from left, Deputy Mayor Walt McKechnie, and Mayor Murray Fearrey. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

for us. I think we need to be good listeners in this day and age."

The pastor said there's a lot of angry people in the world, and there are many who are losing their trust in authority. Confusion abounds among people, he said, and it's important leaders have integrity, honesty, and earn people's trust.

Fearrey said the new council already has a full plate of tasks before it.

He cited staff shortages, the many municipal projects started, and a desperate need for recreation facilities. He said the provincewide troubles in the health care system have touched lives locally. And then there's the worrisome housing deficit.

"I think the housing will get solved," Fearrey said. "I'm confident of that. But the health issues: I continue to say it's a growing community and, if you don't have health care, it's very hard to attract people here."

He said town council needs to focus on forming a vision in these early days of its mandate of how it would like Dysart to look in 20 years.

"What kind of community do we really want?" he said. "We need to get our heads around that."

Will Dysart be much the same as it is today?

Do residents want more urbanization with large box stores making brisk business?

"And we've got a lot of people that are hurting," Fearrey said. "We've got a lot on our plate."

Camp Camexicanus presents *School of Rock*

This November Camexicanus and Backroad Arts Collective is presenting, *School of Rock The Musical*.

We have been hard at work the last few weeks, practicing and recruiting for our big show. The kids have been working very hard at their lines and their songs. Our shows premiere on Wednesday Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton, then after that on Nov. 24 at 7:30 p.m. also at the Northern Lights Pavilion, again on Nov. 25 starting at 2 p.m. in Wilberforce at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre and our final show is on Sunday, Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northern Lights Pavilion.

To purchase tickets, please visit www.camexicanus.ca.

This show is fun for the whole family, it is very comedic and wholesome. Be sure to tell your friends and bring as many as

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Current town offices can be developed into housing, says HE mayor

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

On the first day out of the gate, Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton broached the idea a new town hall can be built and current scattered office buildings could be converted into housing.

Burton made the suggestion Nov. 15 during the inaugural meeting of the new town council.

He threw bouquets to his council colleagues for their electoral success and suggested they prepare as soon as possible to ink a corporate strategic plan toward the future.

"This will be a living document that will help us guide and provide further directions to the organization now and in the future," he said.

He said decisions about the continuation of former community council committees be put on hold until such a strategic plan can be worked out.

"If we're going to progress, we need to ensure that our plan of action and a corporate strategic plan will be our guidance," Burton said.

The wheel of such a plan will include as spokes trail development to ensure tourism growth, ideas of ways to fill the township's housing void, and a new municipal office that will meet the needs of staff and residents.

"That will meet today's needs and put staff under one roof," Burton said. "Multiple municipal buildings would then become vacant and ... be available to be converted into housing units."

Councillor Ruth Strong, the third coun-



The Municipality of Highlands East inaugurated their new council on Nov. 15 during the inaugural meeting at the municipal office. Seated from left are Ward 1 Councillor Cam McKenzie, Ward 2 Councillor Angela Lewis, Deputy Mayor and Ward 3 Councillor Cecil Ryall, Ward 4 Councillor Ruth Strong, and Mayor Dave Burton. /Screenshot

cillor to have won by acclamation and represents Ward 4, said she'll be an ear for the concerns of the people who elevated her to the council table.

Cecil Ryall, who started his fourth term in the seat for Ward 3, was nominated to continue as deputy mayor on council.

"For a guy like me who normally has a lot to say, I am speechless," said the newly minted deputy mayor and town council veteran.

Ryall was one of three councillors who were returned to council by acclamation when nominations closed in August.

"I don't believe that being acclaimed is a free pass to council," he said. "It doesn't work like that. It means that you have been entrusted to deliver solid representation on council."

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— Deputy Mayor and Ward 3 Councillor Cecil Ryall

cillor for his ward, but to be a councillor for the whole of Highlands East.

The township has had a strategic plan for many years that establishes a collective vision of where the municipality should focus its energy to best plan for the future, he said.

"I feel it is time to take a hard look at our plan and update it as we feel is required," McKenzie said.

The fire department has exceptional equipment and facilities, McKenzie said. But equipment and facilities don't respond to emergencies.

"Well-trained people do," he said, and suggested an effort to recruit new firefighters to replace personnel set to retire is crucial and should be undertaken during the 2022-2026 term.

A humbled Ward 2 Coun. Angela Lewis said she looks forward to continuing to collaborate with her council colleagues for the good of the township.

"I will work to meet yours and my own expectations," she said.

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Education workers, government agree to a tentative contract

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Education workers and the provincial government agreed to a down-to-the-wire tentative agreement Nov. 20 that staved off a strike that was to kick off the next day.

Details of the tentative agreement are scarce. It's been reported the Canadian Union of Public Employees secured a 15 per cent wage increase for its members over the life of the four-year pact. That's about a \$1 an hour raise.

The union is taking the proposed contract to its 55,000 members to vote to accept or refuse the deal.

Secretaries, clerks, computer technicians, custodial and maintenance staff, and educational assistants represented by the CUPE walked off the job Nov. 4 in protest of Bill 28.

That legislation, the Keeping Students in Class Act, was designed to make a strike by CUPE members illegal. Government used Section 33 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, called the Notwithstanding Clause. It was the first time any of Canada's premiers used that clause.

The labour action was short-lived, and picket lines were dismantled days later when the crowd at Queen's Park agreed to repeal Bill 28 if negotiators for both

sides would resume talking.

Fast forward to last week when the union threatened to hit the streets Nov. 21 if an agreement couldn't be reached over the weekend.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) warned parents that schools would close and classes will be held online. Such arrangement was averted, thanks to the Hail Mary effort to bear fruit on the final day.

This is the first tentative agreement reached through the 2022 round of collective bargaining in the education sector.

Education Minister Stephen Lecce said government's focus throughout negotiations with CUPE has always been to keep children in school.

"I am pleased to formally announce that the Crown, the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), and the school board trustee associations have reached a tentative agreement that keeps schools open so that kids can stay in class," he said in a prepared statement.

"This is not a win for governments or education unions. It's a win for Ontario families who finally have peace of mind knowing their children will remain in the classroom. After two and a half years of unprecedented disruptions, nothing matters more than stability in our schools. We are pleased to have reached a deal today that will make sure kids are in class catching up on their learning."



Robin Carmount was recognized as Highlander of Year at the Haliburton County Chamber of Commerce 2022 Business and Community Achievement Awards. Carmount is instrumental in the development of youth recreational programs across the county. /Photo submitted by Tim Tofflemire

Business and Community Achievement Awards feature the best in the county

The 14th Annual Business and Community Achievement Awards were held at the Bonnie View Inn on Nov. 19. A successful evening (a return after a pandemic related cancellations) buzzing with enthusiasm for this in-person return.

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Mark Bell, President of the Chamber said, "Congratulations to all the nominees and award winners. It is terrific to see these people and organizations recognized for their contribution and leadership in our community. It was also great to be able to celebrate this success in person at the Gala at Bonnie View Inn. The evening was made possible by the support we received from event sponsors Heat-Line and Haliburton Chrysler."

2022 Business and Community Achievement Award Winners:

- Highlander of the Year - Robin Carmount
- New Business - The Noble Barber
- Tourism and Hospitality - Abbey Gardens Community Trust
- Young Professional - Nick Folco - The Noble Barber
- Innovation and Creativity - Haliburton Forest Biochar
- Not-for-Profit - TIE - Youth Wellness Hub - CKHA Canoe FM
- Customer Service Business - Lakeview Motel & Resort
- Customer Service Employee - Rebel Grooms - Timber Mart
- Industry and Trades - Minden Auto Care
- Business Achievement - Linda Baumgartner
- Entrepreneur - Amy Joanu - Beauty Basics
- Wardens Award to Point in Time
- Fleming Crew sponsored Employer of the Year - Haliburton Electric

Jamie Schmale MP and Laurie Scott MPP presented all winners with official scrolls congratulating all on their achievements.

The chamber wishes to thank the Bonnie View Inn for their exceptional hosting, Nick and Benton for their live performance, community and media partners, attendees and Kirstley Dams for her exceptional work planning the event.

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Hospital foundation welcomes new executive director

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Lisa Tompkins feels confident the helm of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation is in good hands under the stewardship of Melanie Klodt Wong.

Tompkins spent 20 years with the foundation, the last five as executive director after 15 years as a volunteer member of the board. She is retiring and has passed the torch to Klodt Wong, who has taken the reins as the foundation's new executive director.

And Tompkins said she's thrilled Klodt Wong was chosen to be her replacement.

"She's really going to take this foundation forward," she said. "Melanie has learned a lot about the organization very quickly and I have the utmost confidence she's going to keep doing great things here."

Klodt Wong exhibits an eagerness to delve face-and-eyes into her role at the foundation which is a conduit between the community and its health care services.

"I'm feeling very supported as I look to what we're going to do next and what's coming," Klodt Wong said.

Klodt Wong grew up in a rural community in the Niagara region, but she would cottage and spend a lot of time in the Haliburton County area when she was younger, she said.

"My understanding of community and how vast this community is ... I have a good understanding of that," she said of the unique mixture of full-time and seasonal residents.

"I am enjoying learning and meeting new people and building relationships within the community. I've had the good fortune of working with such a supportive board of directors. Lisa Tompkins has been fantastic transitioning over with me."

Tompkins said she'll miss her involvement with the foundation, and she'll maintain some form of connection as part of the public.

"I've really seen how this very generous community has time and time again, year over year, supported quality health care in this community," she said.



Lisa Tompkins, left, is passing off the executive director position of Haliburton Highlands Health Services to Melanie Klodt Wong, who is eager to dive into her new role. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

That community support makes the role of executive director easier.

"It's really knitted into the fabric of this community," Tompkins said.

Klodt Wong said there's already been so much work

done over the years to build a fine health care system and important community services. The foundation just launched its annual holiday season fundraising campaign.

Some of the priorities for the campaign include a nurse call-bell system for long-term care homes which will improve communications and help people feel more secure in their environments. The foundation also has its eye on new smart intravenous (IV) pumps.

"We're raising funds for both of those major things, as well as community services," she said.

Community services like Meals on Wheels have made more of an impact in light of heightened food insecurity and the current tighter economy. To that end, the foundation is subsidizing the program that delivers food to senior citizens and people with disabilities.

"This is a big time of year for us," Klodt Wong said. "For getting funds for big projects and the hospital. We raise a lot of money around the holidays."

The foundation hosts an online 50/50 lottery each month, and Klodt Wong said this time of year presents an opportunity for people to gift tickets to family and friends.

"We have some really big goals, and we want to raise more money than we have in the past," she said. "We have a few different options and different ways people can give."

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

The elephant in the county

I've started this editorial a few times, each with a different subject, a different headline.

My first topics weren't bad ideas, I'm just having a hard time ignoring the elephant in the room.

I'm sitting in my heated house, under a warm blanket, with a full belly, freshly-washed laundry (I won't say it's folded, because that would be a lie), and a cup of tea.

The most uncomfortable part of my day was sitting in my cold car for a few minutes before it had completely warmed up.

I wouldn't even know that the temperature was below -10 degrees Celsius and even colder with the wind chill if I didn't have to go out today.

There's a *huge* elephant in this room.

I can't stop thinking about the numbers in Emily Stonehouse's article about "energy poverty."

Nearly a fifth of the people living in Haliburton County didn't have the same type of day that I had. Likely even more.

Twenty five per cent of our children are living in poverty.

That means that in a class of 28 kids, seven are living in poverty. Seven may not have a warm home to go to after school. Seven aren't getting three meals each day. Seven may not have proper winter clothes for our freezing winters. In *one* class. How many classrooms does each of our five public schools have?

According to SIRCH Community Services, 63 per cent of our residents are over the age of 50.

With a total population in the county of approximately 20,000, that means that over 2,500 people over the age of 50 are living in poverty.

How many seniors aren't able to eat enough and don't have fuel to properly heat their homes without creating a fire hazard?

And then, what about young adults who can't provide enough for themselves because the "living wage" in the county is nearly \$20 an hour. To be able to put food on the table, one needs to make at least \$20 an hour if they live here. Minimum wage is \$15.50.

I can't help but feel that too many in our community have been ignoring the elephant for too long.

I know we have many truly incredible organizations and individuals working tirelessly to help, but this should be top of mind for us *all*.

Just because you may be lucky enough to not see poverty doesn't mean it isn't there. We can't keep ignoring the numbers.

Haliburton County doesn't have a homeless shelter. According to Statistics Canada, those in the county in need of affordable housing may wait as long as seven years. The wait list for affordable housing is increasing by 25 per cent each year. We don't have more homes, so what do these families and individuals do in the meantime?

If someone in our community is in desperate need of shelter, they are taken to the nearest city that has a shelter. This feels like we are putting these people "out of sight and out of mind," and it's really upsetting.

Can you imagine being forced to leave your community because it doesn't have the necessary resources to provide for your basic human needs to stay alive?

Over the next few weeks, the *Echo* and *Times* staff will be highlighting some of the organizations that are dedicated to alleviating some of the awfulness of poverty and what we can do to better support them as we head into winter.

This is the whole county's elephant, and it needs to be under a spotlight.



vivian collings

Editorial



Tag alder branches shudder in the wind on a cold evening.

by Vivian Collings

7

*MAY YOUR love be pure
like an eagle
Wisdom be under every
stone you turn
Let truth be your key to freedom
and bind you
To the path that holds the light.*

7, a song sung by singer songwriter William Prince is playing in the background as I contemplate writing this article on a quiet, magical snow-covered Sunday morning.

The song is cranked, and I am dancing in my kitchen to it as I make coffee and toast. 7 refers to the Seven Grandfather Teachings that are the principles of character that each Anishinaabe should live by love, respect, bravery, truth, honesty, humility, and wisdom. Prince performed this song last Saturday night at his sold out concert at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

Prince comes from Manitoba where he lives on the Peguis First Nation on the western shores of Lake Winnipeg. He wrote 7 for the Peguis graduating class with input from the students.

When he performed this song last night he said, "If you remember one thing I have to say tonight, remember this." I also read that he said if he could leave one message for his son, it would be this song.

*Surrender your heart to the seven
Keep to the path that holds the light
Let respect be the law by which
you're driven
'Cause respect it gets earned it ain't
given.*

Prince has a deep baritone voice that filled the theatre. He sings his songs, and he talks about what is important to him. He thanks the creator for life. For music. For the audience. For our time together. He says thank you again and again.

He sings about taking action and being a force for goodness in the world. *Do good things for goodness sake.* He sings and talks about his love for family, his parents, his partner and his son. Prince is Indigenous, and his father was a preacher.

Prince has produced several albums, and in 2020 he produced *Gospel First Nation* to explore the relationship between Indigenous people and Christianity.

I was mesmerized by him for the entire show. He has this beautiful baritone voice that fills the theatre, and to be honest fills my heart.

His stories and songs let us know that he has had his challenges in life and is learning like all of us. He lives his life in a relationship with something greater than himself. He is guided by love. Light. By a desire for all people to have clean drinking water, good food and a home. And the Haliburton audience loved him: two standing ovations. Cheering. And I know I wasn't the only one in tears.

It is so beautiful to witness a human so full of love, gratitude, hope, honesty, humour and have the ability to express it. I think everyone left the theatre inspired to be who they are and contribute.

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Finder of lost gloves

THE OTHER day, Jenn and I stopped at the grocery store parking lot and stepped out of the car, when I suddenly realized one of my gloves was missing from my left coat pocket.

"I'm missing one of my new gloves," I said to Jenn.

"I knew we should have attached the strings," she replied.

Then she added, "You had them when we left the house. So I guess you must have dropped it somewhere in our recent travels."

"Sure, blame me," I replied.

"Who else could you blame?" she answered.

Jenn is an honest person who has not had any experiences with lowlives and ne'er do wells, so, it was no wonder, she naturally blamed me. But anyone who has been to a hunt camp knows that the world is filled with lowlives and ne'er do wells.

"I was most likely the victim of a pick-pocketing," I said.

"Who would pickpocket one glove?" she snapped.

"Yes, good question! Who indeed?" I announced.

Then, after some thought, I yelled out, "We need to look for a one-armed pick-pocket!"

With the mystery practically solved, I presented her with a plan to recover my brand-new glove that I definitely did not lose due to carelessness.

"So, you are suggesting that we need to find a local bazaar, where innocent shoppers are ripe for the picking?" she asked.

"Or a workhouse where a bunch of orphaned street urchins are taught the art of pick-pocketing by a one-armed man," I added.

"Sure," she said, while simulta-

neously rolling her eyes at my brilliance. "But first why don't we just backtrack to the landfill and the park?"

"Why those places?" I asked.

"Because those were the last two places we visited," she said.

I try to be supportive, so I did not point out how far-fetched her cockamamy plan sounded. Instead, after we got what we needed at the grocery store, I just went along with it.

First, we did a drive through at the landfill site and stopped and looked around at the recycling and household garbage bins. And, no surprise, we did not find my glove.

As we left, Jenn asked, "Just curious, why did you walk up to everyone and sing, 'If you are happy and you know it?'"

"I was hoping they'd instinctively clap their hands and reveal who among them had only one arm..." I said, while tapping the side of my head with my index finger.

On hearing that, she rolled her eyes yet again.

Our next stop was the park where we had just walked our dog. Predictably, a few minutes later, after recounting our steps, we returned to the car empty-handed.

I then asked the obvious question. "Siri, where is our local workhouse?"

It turned out there are none in Haliburton County.

"I guess the pickpockets have won," I conceded.

But it turned out I was wrong. You see, when we turned into our driveway, my glove was on the ground waiting there. I looked at Jenn and smiled.

"Can you believe it?" I said.

"Yes," she replied. "It's always the most plausible answer, isn't it?"

"Yup, I guess we put so much pressure on those pickpockets that they decided it was safer to just return my glove, I announced.

"Or maybe that glove just fell out of your pocket while you were getting in the car," she said.

I couldn't help but laugh. Did I mention Jenn has a vivid imagination too?



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

Kosy Korner Restaurant, Haliburton, soda bar, circa 1950s was decorated for Christmas and is promoting Neilson's special Christmas ice cream brick with the Santa Claus poster on the right. From left, are Kosy staff Marie Roberts, Vera Archer, Ray Archer (proprietor) and Leda Roberts. /Photo donated to the Haliburton Highlands Museum by family member Pat Cowen

letters to the editor

Shedding light on Bill C-35

To the Editor,

I am writing to you to shed some light on a very dark and desperate situation in Canada that I have written to the federal and provincial governments about several times, the most recent was in January 2022 to Justin Trudeau, about disability and poverty. The government had already started a program Bill C 35 Canada disability Benefit which was supposed to be in effect in June 2022, no matter who was in office. Proof of this is on line under the heading of Disability without poverty. Disability without poverty is supposed to be a provincial program but is outlined as a federal program on line. This fact was explained to me by both Jaime Schmale's office and Laurie Scott's office. I have come to find out that neither of these programs are in effect at this time, so why advertise them? In Canada there is an abundance of people on disability that are facing homelessness and poverty. On TV there is a channel that shows parliament proceedings, watching this procedure can and will enrage you and make you wonder why we elect

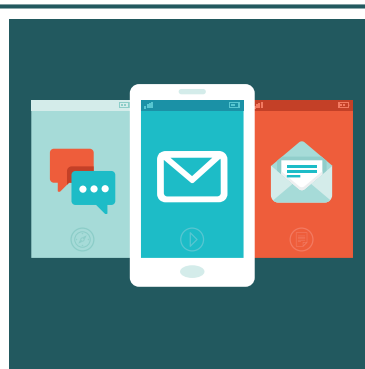
these people to begin with. The day I watched, they were arguing who can and can't take credit for the issues being discussed instead of hammering out the details to make the issues work. These acts are utterly disgraceful for government officials. Bill C-35 would help a lot of people avoid being homeless and allow them to have food to eat, heat their homes, pay their rent.

There is a T.V. ad asking people to donate money for people overseas, when there is an equal need for this right here in Canada.

I believe that this is a cover-up so that government does not have to admit that this problem exists in Canada.

The way that the disabled, wounded soldiers, middle and lower class citizens are treated by our government makes me extremely ashamed to be Canadian. A copy of the disability without poverty information and my last letter to the government can be provided upon request.

Donald Ven Den Hazel,
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Heat Bank raises awareness for energy poverty

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

The holidays may seem like a festive time of year for some, but for others, the onset of winter can be a cause for panic. "So many people are just feeling the crunch of everything this year," said Tina Jackson, executive director of the Central Food Network and the co-founder for Heat Bank Haliburton County, "people are borrowing resources from other essential needs, in able to access the basic needs in front of them."

With the costs of heating, cooling, and power significantly rising, Jackson is passionate about educating the public about a term she calls "energy poverty," and the prevalence of this in the Haliburton Highlands. "On average, we are working with over 120 households every year, and that continues to increase."

According to SIRCH Community Services, the poverty rate in Haliburton County is 17.2 per cent, with over 25 per cent of children living in low-income homes. The national average for child poverty hovers at 3.4 per cent. These statistics are pre-COVID, and it is assumed that between the pandemic and the significant increase to cost of living, those numbers are higher presently.

Heat Bank Haliburton County is a tool used by many, to access basic resources for survival throughout the year. "When people hear 'heat bank' they think we offer grants to provide heat, and we certainly do that, but we also work at a deeper level to provide support for the immediate concerns of each household,"



The online auction for Heat Bank Haliburton County went live on November 12 and runs until November 27. So far, it has raised over \$4000. The majority of the prizes are donated by local businesses. The Heat Bank relies on this fundraiser to dictate how much they can support the community each year. / Photo submitted by Tina Jackson

said Jackson, "when we start working with a household, we think, 'how can we alleviate all the financial burdens for this household?'"

Jackson shared that some households they work with request a delivery of firewood to tide them over until the next paycheque, while others require more in-depth services, such as funding for bills, access to tax filing support, and connections to community food banks.

The Heat Bank program is run through the Central Food Network (CFN), allowing access to a variety of services based on the needs of the community. Each year, in collaboration with Rhubarb Restaurant, the CFN runs a fundraiser with all funds raised going directly to the Heat Bank. "It

is our largest fundraiser of the year," said Jackson, "I am always blown away by the level of support from local businesses."

With over sixty items donated to the online auction component, Jackson confirmed that at least 95 percent of them are from local businesses. The online auction is currently open, and leading up to the in-person event at the Rhubarb on November 27, the Heat Bank has raised over \$4000. Last year, the event raised over \$30,000. "I was blown away by this," said Jackson, "that was a time that was so challenging for so many people, and there was still so much support."

Jackson noted that the Heat Bank does not receive any government funding, so without events like the one at Rhubarb

on Nov. 27 and the online auction, they would not be able to operate. The amount raised during these fundraisers will dictate the capacity they have to assist the community throughout the year.

Tickets are sold out for the in-person event at Rhubarb at the end of the month, but the online auction went live on Nov. 12, and will remain active until Nov. 27. For more information on the online auction, go to the "Heat Bank Haliburton County, a program of Central Food Network" Facebook page.

If you or someone you know is seeking support from Heat Bank Haliburton County, or if you are interested in volunteering your time or donating, please call 705-306-0565 or visit www.heatbankhc.ca.



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Highlands activist recognized with prestigious provincial award

ANGELICA INGRAM

Special to the Echo

Longtime community activist and Lochlin resident Bonnie Roe was recently honoured with a prestigious award from a provincial health organization for her advocacy on behalf of the elderly.

In October, Roe was presented with the Orville Thacker Award by the Ontario Health Coalition for her extraordinary work in advocating for long-term care reform and protecting public health care.

Chair and founder of the Haliburton Highlands Long-Term Care Coalition, Roe has been advocating for LTC residents for the past number of years, particularly throughout the pandemic. Some of the work she has accomplished includes meeting with local politicians, developing successful petitions aimed at improving overall care for the elderly, and attending and organizing events to highlight the need for action in long-term care.

Roe was selected for the award by the Ontario Health Coalitions' board of directors for her passion and commitment to healthcare matters, said OHC executive director Natalie Mehra.

"Bonnie Roe was selected for the award because of her tireless work to improve long-term care for the elderly in her community and across Ontario. She was a co-founder of the Haliburton Long-Term Care Coalition and leads the group. Her work is truly exceptional. She wrote a petition to advocate for the federal government to take measures to improve long-term care and gathered a whopping over 5000 signatures on it. She has repeatedly met and corresponded with

local MPP Laurie Scott and her staff on these issues. She organized local participation in dozens of actions and events to improve care levels in long-term care and save lives during the worst of the pandemic as COVID spread through the homes killing literally thousands of residents. She put up hundreds of lawn signs advocating to protect public health care and stop privatization leading into the provincial election. She is working with the local group and experts to advance proposals to modernize long-term care to be resident-centred, safe, home-like and provide dignity for the elderly. She always does what she commits to do, and she has worked to support every effort to win better care for the elderly. She is a joy to work with and a real community hero," said Mehra.

Roe felt incredibly honoured to be recognized with the prestigious award, particularly given Thacker's dedication to social issues.

Born in Kincardine, Ontario, Thacker was an active member in his community for more than 60 years. A member of the Royal Canadian Legion for more than 50 years, Thacker was also a member of Ontario Health Coalition and a founder and Co-Chair of Kitchener Waterloo Regional Health Coalition, according to OHC.

Roe says her dedication to the elderly comes from a desire to advocate for individuals who are not being respected or treated fairly, be it the elderly, education workers, persons with disabilities, our environment and the right to adequate housing and nutritious food, and a living wage, to name a few.

"As a society, we have truly lost respect for our elderly and for more than 30 years,



Highlands resident Bonnie Roe was recently awarded with the Orville Thacker Award by the Ontario Health Coalition for her dedication and work to protect public health care. /FILE

and throughout the pandemic our current and previous government have blatantly shown this," said Roe.

Since forming the HH LTC Coalition, some of Roe's proudest accomplishments have been promoting awareness about the LTC system and advocating for change locally and provincially. "Our petition, Save Our Seniors-Fix LTC, has over 5,000 signatures and was presented to our MPP Laurie Scott's office last year and sent to Premier Ford."

Other accomplishments include a drive-

by LTC rally, a radio campaign on Moose and Canoe FM, virtual protests and a current campaign aimed at putting a stop to the privatization of our health care.

She says first and foremost though, she must acknowledge the amazing and dedicated team of coalition members she works alongside, including Brigitte Gebauer, Terry Hartwick, Dorothy Owens and Lyn Ritchie. Hartwick and Roe were honoured with awards from The Institute for Change Leaders, Ryerson University.

"I feel so very proud of all that our team has accomplished," said Roe, adding being the recipients of these awards is proof that all their hardwork is being recognized locally and provincially.

Moving forward, Roe hopes to continue facilitating important work for seniors and has been partnering with Re:Think Policy Change on the project Aging Together As Community. Through community discussions, the groups are focused on creating a plan about creative options for aging.

"Our elders deserve to live their final years with respect and in dignity. The road is still long, so our advocacy work must still continue!" said Roe.

It is this passion and dedication that made Roe a clear choice for recognition, said Mehra.

"In the opinion of our board of directors, Bonnie's contribution is truly exceptional. It brings alive those principles and the spirit that are foundational to our Canadian system of health care for all: that we take care of each other, regardless of wealth or income, with compassion and dignity. Orville would be proud to have his award given to such a deserving recipient."

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Special to the Echo

The Stanhope branch of the Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) will re-open to the public on Dec. 3, after being closed for over two years to undergo renovations.

In 2019, with the help of the Township of Algonquin Highlands, an Enabling Accessibility Grant was awarded to upgrade the accessible features of the library, including a new lift, automatic door, and an exterior concrete ramp. The library initially closed to the public in March 2020.

Library staff said that while they await the arrival of several missing parts required to complete the renovation, library patrons will once again be able to browse the collection, attend programs and utilize library services in Stanhope.

HCPL also plans to host a grand opening celebration to recognize accessibility improvements made at the branch once the project has been fully completed.

In a November HCPL media release, Gayle Wetmore, branch supervisor, said she is encouraged by the progress. "I'm so excited for the re-opening. I look forward to welcoming back familiar faces and meeting new members to the branch. I've missed everyone so much."

The renovation was initially planned to be completed during the COVID-19 lockdown closures, but supply chain problems resulted in a delayed project timeline. While the exterior concrete ramp has



The Haliburton County Public Library Stanhope branch has a new concrete walkway that was paved this year for its re-opening on Dec. 3. /Photo submitted

been completed and the foyer has been refreshed, staff are still waiting for the new automatic door, as well as an inspector to approve the lift that will accommodate wheelchair users down to the basement and up to the library.

Library CEO/chief librarian Chris Stephenson said he is excited to welcome the community back to the library. "We're grateful for their patience and really

excited to welcome them back. They can see a familiar face with Gayle Wetmore, who is working very hard to prepare the branch for opening," he said.

The library, located at 1109 North Shore Road, will officially open on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served, and Stephenson will be there to personally welcome patrons and let them know about new programs and services

coming to Stanhope.

"I hope as many people can come as possible on Saturday," said Stephenson. "I look forward to welcoming them personally. We really appreciate the help of the municipal staff and council for making this possible – helping with the grant, coordinating the work, and making the decision to allow the library to resume operations."

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Highlands Chamber Orchestra presents Welcome Back!

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

The Highlands Chamber Orchestra is back for a momentous 10th season concert after a long, COVID-instilled pause in gathering.

The group got back together for the first time in two years last fall.

"It feels good. Every next-step we've taken has been amazing. We really got back together last fall, which was a pretty emotional moment because we hadn't seen each other in so long," said Dan Manley, music director of Highlands Chamber Orchestra.

The orchestra continued to plan for concerts with crossed fingers, but each time, COVID-19 health measures hindered their ability to safely perform.

"We just wanted to start playing things. We pulled some stuff out of our library and just said, 'Let's play some music and see what happens,'" Manley said.

The concert is taking place this Saturday, Nov. 26 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion at 7:30 p.m.

Manley has a lineup of familiar favourites including a movie music medley, *Dance of the Hours* by Ponchielli, *Lord of the Rings*, *Pirates of the Caribbean Dead Man's Chest*, *Pomp and Circumstance*, *The Prayer* and more.

"Some of it is just music that's been bubbling in my head. I balance that with challenges that are presented in the piece and our development level; where we're at. Each year, we challenge ourselves with more and more challenging music,



Dan Manley conducts the Highlands Chamber Orchestra's rendition of *The Prayer* during their practice for their 10th annual concert, Welcome Back! /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

so sometimes I'll look at a piece, and I'll share that with the board who are essentially the section leads," Manley said.

Each member will say whether or not the piece works well with their section, so it is a collaborative effort. From there, a theme is formed for their concert.

"With a backlog of pieces, we try to make a theme. As we're getting back together with a couple of different faces over COVID, we've had to rebuild a bit

and find pieces that work for us," Manley said.

Highlands Chamber Orchestra currently has 34 members, but are always welcoming more.

"We're particularly looking for violins, viola, and we have an opening for a second oboe and second bassoon, and potentially a full-time horn and double bass," Manley said.

Tickets are \$20 or \$25 for an adult with



Jane Symons, long-time Highlands Chamber Orchestra Member, plays clarinet during their practice for Welcome Back!

a child under 16. Call Ken to reserve tickets at 705-286-0413, or buy them in person at Russell Red Records on Main Street in Haliburton.

For more information about the orchestra or to express interest in joining for next season, contact Bethany at stringstudioworkshop@hotmail.com.

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Prince of the stage

Juno award-winning singer-songwriter William Prince played in front of a sold out crowd at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion Theatre hosted by the Haliburton County Folk Society in Haliburton on Saturday, Nov. 19. Prince, who grew up in Peguis First Nation and is now based in Winnipeg, played two, 45-minute sets during his Haliburton stop of his Ontario tour. Prince's debut album 'Earthly Days' won the singer a 2017 Juno for contemporary roots album of the year. /Photos submitted by Adam Frisk



A concertgoer stops by the William Prince merch table during the intermission.



Concertgoers stop by the snacks and refreshments table which were provided by the Skyline Dance Studio in Haliburton.



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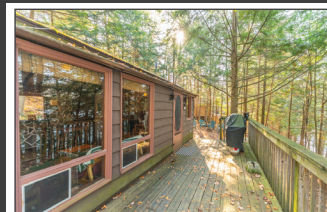
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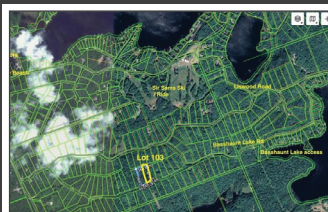
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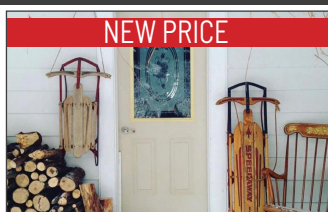
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 - 17. General's assistant (abbr.)
 - 18. Aussies
 - 20. Dissuades
 - 22. Make law
 - 23. Drench
 - 24. Soak in a liquid
 - 28. Male child
 - 29. It cools your home
 - 30. Small constellation
 - 31. To call (archaic)
 - 33. Explores beneath the Earth
 - 37. Commercial
 - 38. W. hemisphere organization
 - 39. You can find it in a can
 - 41. "Land of the free"
 - 42. 36 inches
 - 43. Footwear
 - 44. Challenges
 - 46. They hold things together
 - 49. Of I
 - 50. Partner to flow
 - 51. Not connected by kinship
 - 55. Worries
 - 58. Garlic mayonnaise
 - 59. A way to take by force
 - 60. Legendary English rockers
 - 64. Your consciousness of your own identity
 - 65. Fencing swords
 - 66. Silly
 - 67. Actor DiCaprio
 - 68. Encircles with a belt
 - 69. Mails a message
 - 70. Longing
- CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Horse mackerels
 - 2. It can be viral
 - 3. Prickly plants
 - 4. Consciousness
 - 5. Type of sarcoma
 - 6. Tax collector
 - 7. Sun up in New York
 - 8. One who scorches
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 - 10. Situated at an apex
 - 11. Communicative
 - 12. Forearm nerve
 - 13. Former CIA
 - 19. Folk singer DiFranco
 - 21. Employee stock ownership plan
 - 24. Large-scale
 - 25. School environment
 - 26. Remove
 - 27. Male parents
 - 31. Large rodent
 - 32. Weighed down
 - 34. Held tightly
 - 35. ___ route: going there
 - 36. Explains again
 - 40. Exclamation of surprise
 - 41. Courteously
 - 45. Lying down
 - 47. Judge
 - 48. Forcefully took
 - 52. Loosely compacted sediment
 - 53. High mountain
 - 54. Portable conical tents
 - 56. Cereal grass
 - 57. Dining utensil
 - 59. Thoughtful
 - 60. Helps you walk
 - 61. Indicates near
 - 62. Midway between northeast and east
 - 63. Local area network

Answers on page 16

Successful deer hunt for WG families

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Many of you will remember Cecilia Scott who lived on the Kennisis Lake Road. Cecilia is fondly remembered by the congregation of the Roman Catholic Church in town as well as the people she transported as volunteer driver to their destinations for appointments although somewhat partially disabled herself. Cecilia now resides at Seven Oaks Long Term Care on Neilson Road in Scarborough, a residence which supplies the needs of two hundred and fifty people. She misses Haliburton very much but has gracefully accepted this place that is best for her at this stage of her life. Many of her close relatives live in the area and call on her regularly. Her phone number is unchanged from the local number, and calls are always welcome.

As to hunters news, it has yet to be completed, but so far Barry Boice's camp has nine deer, Nicholls camp one, Russell Sisson's four, and Cooper camp four. As usual Alan Cooper comes for the traditional second Friday night with family, bringing his fiddle for that evening of music.

Congratulations and thanks are on-going to Kevin Dunlop for the Home Hardware display at that entrance which contrasted the home by fireside and radio and the faces reflected in the resolve of the regiments going out to fight on our behalf. Well worth a second glance on and around Nov. 11.

Kudos also to Helen Parker and Carl Dixon who each played their role in presenting *Ice-Breaker* for Those Other Movies. Helen was co-producer of the film and had actually been to Moscow in 2017 for the 47 year anniversary of the Summit Series, her footage being shot in Moscow. Carl's input was the interview with Gary Smith, former diplomat, on Canoe FM was likewise duly appreciated. Mr. Smith's book is *Ice-War Diplomat*.



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EH! to address wetlands and politics at their AGM

CLEM GROB

Special to the Echo

It's no secret that the Gull River often floods in the spring, leaving residents and business owners worried about when the next will be.

A natural feature of Haliburton County can help prevent floods, said Leora Berman, founder of The Land Between and Turtle Guardians.

"Muskoka and Minden experienced massive flooding which correlates to a lack of wetlands to soak up excess waters," she said. These wetlands are "vital to our future."

This is one of the points Berman will be addressing at Environment Haliburton's Annual General Meeting held virtually on Nov. 24 at 7 p.m.

Environment Haliburton! is an organization focused on environmental issues in Haliburton county, working to preserve Haliburton's natural environment.

Each year, Haliburton residents are invited to join their AGM, where board members discuss current issues, future goals, and allow a chance for members of the community to voice their questions and concerns.

To start the AGM, Berman will be a keynote speaker discussing all things "Wetlands and Politics."

In her presentation, Berman will dis-

cuss important wetlands in the county and how they are being governed.

Even more recently, Bill 23, or the More Homes Built Faster Act proposed wide scale changes in the province's land use regulations.

Berman said Bill 23 will take away the ability for Ontarians to decide what happens to wetlands.

"Recognized experts have said [Bill 23] is unnecessary as there is sufficient land in the Greater Golden Horseshoe to meet needs even with increased immigration. There are great examples of ways to balance housing and conservation - Muskoka and Lanark are leaders in these arenas, and we can do the same," Berman said.

Following Berman's talk, a question and answer period will occur, and the AGM will proceed.

The president of Environment Haliburton!, Susan Hay, commented on some upcoming changes to the organization. "We have five new qualified members looking to join the board," Hay said. "It's going to bring big changes, fresh ideas and enthusiasm."

In the upcoming year, the organization will continue to raise awareness about the "climate catastrophe," and "urge leaders to make more ambitious climate goals," said Hay.

To register for Environment Haliburton's AGM, visit www.environmenthaliburton.org/.



O Christmas Tree

The Dysart et al fire department put up the Haliburton Christmas tree outside of the Village Barn on the blustery morning of Sunday, Nov. 20. The tree raising is arranged by the Haliburton and District Lions Club and was donated by Fort Irwin Cottage and Garden Centre, and the Haliburton BIA would like to encourage those in Haliburton to place ornaments and decorations on the tree. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



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NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- DATE: Wednesday, December 14th, 2022
• TIME: 11:00 am.
• LOCATION: The Committee of Adjustment will be held as an electronic meeting only.
The meeting will be recorded through the conferencing application and live streamed to YouTube.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2022-022-Hall
- The following variance is requested to permit a garage to have a decreased interior side lot line setback on a property in the RU1 zone:

a) A variance to section 9.2 to permit a garage to have a minimum interior side lot line setback of 1.5 metres (5 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 4.5 metres (14.7 feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 22, Concession 3 in the Geographic Township of Guilford, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (Eagle Lake Rd).
2. D13-MV-2022-023 Flotner
- The following variance is requested to legalize the location of an existing two storey garage/private cabin with a decreased interior side lot line setback on a property in the WR4L zone:

a) A variance to section 5.2 to permit a two storey private garage/private cabin to have a minimum interior side lot line setback of 3 metres (9.84 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 4.5 metres (14.7 feet);
 - This minor variance application is a condition of an application for consent H-036-22.
 - Location: Part Lot 27, Concession 3 and 4, Part 2, Plan 19R-1414 in the Geographic Township of Guilford, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (Atomic Dr).

Council passed By-law 2020-69 to amends the Committee of Adjustment of the Municipality of Dysart et al's Procedural By-law to permit electronic participation in meetings. **There will not be an in-person meeting; this meeting will be conducted in an electronic format only.**

For more information about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Secretary-Treasurer at jiles@dysartetal.ca.

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by an agent for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept oral and written submissions. A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, and electronic meeting process is available from the Planning and Land Information Department at the Municipal Office by appointment only (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

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Notice of Special Meeting

2023 Budget Projects and Priorities

Take notice that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on Friday, December 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss projects and priorities for the 2023 Budget. The Municipality has also set the following dates (if required) to review the Budget:

January 13, 2023 and February 10, 2023

These meetings will be hosted virtually. You can view the proceedings by visiting the Dysart YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVWZxsvf8VCyDf04uwjCJ6g>

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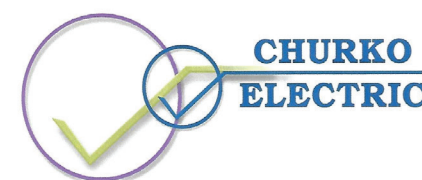
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In Loving Memory

Ingram Wessell

(Resident of Minden, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Monday morning, November 14, 2022, in his 92nd year. Beloved husband of Isabel Wessell (nee Peel) for over 60 years. Loving father of Sherry (Joe), Tim (Jen), Harold (Karen), and Mike (Kelly). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Lacey (Dylan), Ben (Cassy), Shelby (Nate), Shannon (Kirk), Courtney (Steven), Cody (Jadyn), Hannah (Travis), Harrison, Jonah, Jacob, and by his eight great-grandchildren. Predeceased by his brothers Don and Rod. Ingram and Isabel owned and operated Ingram Wessell and Son's LTD. Ingram was actively involved in his Community. He served as Counselor of Lutterworth Township and Reeve of Laxton Digby and Longford Township. He enjoyed horse pulls and most of all, time spent with his grandkids and family.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends were invited to call at **FAITH TABERNACLE** 6 Albert Street Coboconk, Ontario on Thursday afternoon November 17, 2022, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. A Funeral Service was held on Friday afternoon November 18, 2022, at 1 o'clock (Visitation one hour prior). Interment followed Pine Grove Cemetery Norland. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or Faith Tabernacle would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **COBOCONK COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 6644 Hwy. #35, Coboconk, Ontario (705) 454-3913

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In Loving Memory of

James (Jim) Albert Chambers and Beverley (Bev) Lois Chambers (nee Hill)

Entered into rest at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre, Jim on Sunday, October 2, 2022, at the age of 86 and Beverley on Monday, November 14, 2022, at the age of 83, both surrounded by the love of their family. Predeceased by Jim's parents Albert and Gertrude (nee Patterson) and Beverley's parents Hilda (nee Wakefield) and Nelson Hill. Loving spouses for 65 years, Jim and Beverley will be dearly missed by their children Susan McCardle (Scott) and the late Dr. Cynthia Chambers (Joonsoo). They leave behind grandchildren Paige (Tyler) and Clare (Jeremy). They will be sadly missed by Jim's sister Brenda (Dan), and Beverley's sister Joyce (Lloyd, predeceased) Faulkner, brother Keith (Rosemary) Hill, and predeceased by brother Raymond (Doreen) Hill. They will be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbours. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Peterborough regional Health Centre – Cancer Centre or the SickKids Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Donations and condolences may be made through Mackey Funeral Home or online at www.mackeys.ca.



In Loving Memory of

HARE, Marion

Marion Jean Rowe Hare passed gently on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 in Waterloo, Ontario.

Predeceased by her husband, Bill, she will be missed by her children Tom (Jill), Dave (Kathryn), Sharon (Henk) and Janice (Craig). She leaves behind a wealth of legacy in her grandchildren Justin (Ashley), Ben (Jasmine), Thane (Sawako), Laura (Andrew), Joe (Kristin), Breanna (Eric), Cliff (Diana), Khoral, Derek, Jason (Kendra), Erin, Rose and Grace and numerous great grandchildren. A life spent between Peterborough, Toronto, California and Haliburton, she received a Ph.D from Stanford in Art History. After several fulfilling years spent in California, she and Bill built a family cottage in Haliburton where all their grandchildren could learn to share her love of nature. And now she is once again with the man who shared her life. May they have peace forever.

A Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, December 1st between 1:00 and 5:00 pm in the Sunshine Centre at Luther Village on the Park, 139 Father David Bauer Drive, Waterloo.

In Marion's memory, donations to The Haliburton Sculpture Forest may be arranged on Marion's tribute page at www.erbgood.com.

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A holiday hallmark

Santa Claus was in his usual high spirits, waving to the crowd of children and adults who lined the streets for the Santa Claus Parade in Haliburton on Friday night, Nov. 26. See more photos on page 4. **Darren Lum** Echo Staff

Hospice units next phase for hospital?

Chad Ingram
 Staff reporter

Haliburton Highlands Health Services is looking at the creation of a palliative care, hospice-type space at its Haliburton Village facility.

HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush told members of the HHHS board at its Nov. 25 meeting that increased palliative care space was something the county would need as its aging population continues to get older.

Rosebush said that at the Haliburton facility there is space behind the maternity area and lounge to build a small addition allowing for a two-bed palliative environment, with a kitchen, a family waiting room and a separate entrance to the outdoors.

The addition could be built off an existing patient room, the entrance to which would be outfitted with doors for increased privacy.

"Two beds I think is reasonable . . . and appropriate for our community," Rosebush said, adding that "it's not something that can happen overnight."

He said a feasibility study for such a project would be required to see how much funding is available.

The Central East Local Health Integration Network, of which Haliburton County is part, does receive provincial monies to go towards palliative care, although these funds are rarely taken advantage of.

"In a small, rural community, it is almost impossible to generate a stand-alone, hospice facility," Rosebush said, explaining that such a facility would not be used frequently enough to make paying staff and operational costs worth-

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